[Mr. K. P. Kochukoratharakan]

(*b*) how long it is since articles for survey purposes such as cross staff, chain, scale for preparations sketches &c, were supplied to the above pakuthy cutcherry, and whether they are now in good condition ; and

(*c*) whether it has been reported to the superior authority from the pakuthy cutcherry that the above articles in that pakuthy cutcherry are so bad and rotten as to be of no use and that new chain, scale &c., should be supplied ?

MR. K. GEORGE : (*a*) Yes. The following articles were supplied this year.

Name of articles.	*Unit.*	*Quantity supplied.*
Foolscap paper	dozens.	11
Blotting paper	No.	3
Copying pencils	No.	2
Carbon paper	No.	6
Blacklead pencil	No.	1
Nibs	No.	4
Brown paper sheets	No.	2

(*b*) The last supply was in 1105. The instruments now in use are somewhat old.

(*c*) Yes. Reports were received in the Taluk for the exchange of certain articles. But as there was no new stock in the taluk, the request was not complied with. Steps have been taken to get new stock from the Survey office.

Construction of the Alleppey Light House.

118 ***MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state the person to whom the contract for constructing the Alleppey Light House has been given, whether it was given after inviting tenders and, if so, whose was the lowest tender ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT The Alleppey Light House was built in 1860-62, long before the Marine Department was constituted, and as such, no records are available as regards the contractors etc., engaged for its construction at this distance of time.

Recruitment to the Transport Department.

119 ***MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether any persons other than graduates have been selected as conductors in the Transport Department ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes, 10 persons.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU : ബി. എ. പാസ്സായിട്ടില്ലാത്ത ചിലരെ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട് എന്ന ഉത്തരം പറഞ്ഞു കാണുന്നു. ഇവർക്ക് ബി. എ. കാരെക്കാൾ എന്താണ് കൂടുതൽ യോഗ്യതയുള്ളത്.

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MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: ഇതിനുള്ള ഉത്തരം അടുത്ത ചോദ്യത്തിന്റെ മറുപടിയിൽ കാണാം.

"The 10 undergraduate conductors were selected from among men who had been employed as checking inspectors for long periods in the services taken up by the Department".

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU: ഈ പത്തുപേരിൽ പിന്നോക്ക സമുദായത്തിൽ പെട്ടവർ ആരെങ്കിലും ഉണ്ടോ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Amongst conductors there are Nadars and a few from amongst other unrepresented communities.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU: ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ട് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റിലെ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ ബന്ധത്തിൽപ്പെട്ട ആരെയെങ്കിലും ഈ കൂട്ടത്തിൽ നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Government are not aware.

Conductors and Inspectors of the Transport Department.

120. ❋ MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of persons appointed as conductors and inspectors by the Transport Department?

(*a*) their qualifications; and

(*c*) if undergraduates have been appointed, the considerations that weighed with the appointing authorities in appointing them?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: (*a*) Conductors 105. Inspectors 22 including 2 District Inspectors.

(*b*) All except 10 Conductors and 2 Inspectors are graduates.

(*c*) The 10 undergraduate conductors were selected from among men who had been employed as checking inspectors for long periods in the services taken up by the Department.

One undergraduate Inspector had intensive training in the Traffic Department of an English Railway Co., whilst the other holds diplomas in Engineering.

Bund at Koonananjilikal in Kunnatnad Taluk.

121. ❋ MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether they usually put up a bund at Koonananjilikkal, Trikkakara pakuthi, Kunnatnad taluk;

(*b*) whether the said bund is put up to prevent brackish water (brine) from entering the properties above the bund and thereby damaging the cultivation;

(*c*) whether the Cochin Government bears any portion of the expense for putting up this bund;

(*d*) if so, what portion,

(*e*) the total expenditure for each year for putting up such a bund;

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